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Dated Albany, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1915.

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POLAND IS DESTITUTE

More Than 4,000,000 Dependent Upon Soup Kitchen.

More than 4,000,000 of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent on soup kitchens where there is issued to each applicant a small loaf of bread and a pint of soup daily, according to W. H. Hamilton of the American mercy and relief committee, who reached New York yesterday on the steamship Rotterdam. Mr. Hamilton has been in Europe for several months looking in to relief work for his organization. He added that he had traveled from Alexandria to Warsaw and that in the entire country evacuated by the Russians there was hardly a habitable building standing.

"I was in Warsaw two weeks ago," said Mr. Hamilton. "The temperature was below zero and I saw on every day I was there long lines of old men, women and children, many of them without adequate clothing, standing for hours at a time in the cold waiting their turns at the food distributing centers. In Warsaw alone it is estimated that 75,000 people are destitute and unless aid reaches them soon the majority will not be alive when spring again comes."

"Money is not needed for there is no food or clothing to be purchased. I am going to urge my committee to bring every possible pressure to bear to induce the British to relax their blockade sufficiently to allow at least 25,000 tons of supplies to go into Poland each month. I have assurances that the Germans will do what they can to assist in its distribution. While the German authorities are doing what they can to relieve distress there is no use trying to disguise the fact that they have not much more food than they can use themselves. The soup that is being furnished is made mainly from carrots, of which there appears to be an abundance in Germany."

"Coupled with the distress occasioned by lack of food and proper clothing there exists to menace to health in the form of vermin and filth. The German military authorities are doing their best to cope with this condition, but with no bathing facilities it is a hard task. To prevent a possible spread of disease no one is allowed to leave Poland without a health certificate which specifically states that the bearer is free from vermin."

"Despite her suffering, Poland is, politically speaking, enthusiastic in the hope that the outcome of the war will see her an independent nation. The people seem to have faith that through Austria they will regain their independence."

Beginning of the Improvements.

The first copy was auctioned off to the Highest Bidder and it brought \$7.50, which sum was immediately placed to the Credit of the Woman's Civic Society to build a Public Park and the balance to be appropriated to the Research Society and the Home for Indigent and Indigent Grass Widows.

The Hurrah was real sassy in its initial issue. Claude was strong on Uplift and Fussy on Social Shams. He said that I was suffering from a Parcel of Hasbeens and Mossbacks with green scums on their Moose Hides; that it was a Long Primer Community on a Nonpareil Diet; that it was Starving itself to Death waiting for Something to Transpire; that the Richest Man in Town was a Lout, because he didn't Mix it up with Progress—it would increase his taxes and they might Discover that he should be Paying an Income Tax to preserve the Nation from Bankruptcy; that there were too many Churches and too little Religion; that the town should Scatter some Paying Material over its Sand Streets; that the Old Maids had better be tangling than Knitting Socks for War Sufferers; that it needed more spirit than a Guinea Pig and should have a Backbone where its Withbone was; that it should take a Rise out of itself and Get tight and Stay Right.

Many who welcomed Claude with the Glad Hand and Loose Pocketbook began hedging and wanted to Retreat on Fellowship and Mazuma. They said he was a Two-faced Waltham with a Misfit Conscience, and Gratitude was a Total Stranger to him. Claude was just as popular as La-Grippe or Tonitruis.

But he only smiled and replied: Watch My Smoke. I haven't begun to Steam Up. He Girded Up His Loins and began Mental Exertion on the Second Issue of the Hurrah.

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Monday, December 27, 1915.

Bennington had the best Christmas business in its history. Two weeks of Christmas trade do not insure a year's success, but this town never approached a new year with an outlook more promising.

In the death of Hon Joseph A. DeBoer Vermont has lost its most brilliant citizen. He was brought to this country from Holland when a child and never had any advantages save those he worked for and earned by hard labor. He never had a pull, but rose from his start as a newsboy to become at the age of 41 the head of one of the great financial institutions of the country. His career reads like a romance, but the key to his success was study, hard work and honest service. His death at the age of 54 is a great loss to Vermont and to the whole country.

It is stated that the city of Schenectady has nearly reached its debt limit and there are scores of towns and cities in the country that are in similar trouble. It is a crime which American cities have frequently committed to saddle the coming generation with a great burden of debt. The worst load that Bennington has to bear today is the old railroad debt, which our predecessors handed down to us. Each generation as it comes along has great burdens of expense to meet and the most serious mistake a community can make is to mortgage its future to an excessive degree.

On the Side.

The big man with the bevel front paused near the guess-within-three-pounds-of-your-weight machine, and at once the crowd closed in to see the fun. The weighmaster looked him over, front and back, then announced solemnly: "You'll weigh 107 pounds on the front side and 107 pounds on the back side, altogether 214 pounds. Sit down in the chair, please."

The pointer flew around to 230 pounds. The crowd laughed, the weighmaster glowered a bit over the loss of his dime, and the wife of the big man said, with a giggle:

"He missed it six pounds on the front side."—Indianapolis News.

Misplaced Sympathy.

Through the busy Glasgow streets a stalwart policeman led a little child by the hand. A motherly looking woman paused before them for a moment. Then, in a sudden burst of sympathy, she bent over the child and kissed her.

"Puir wee lamb!" she breathed softly. "She looks sae cauld and starved like, and she hismie been washed fur a week. Some folks canna be trusted wi' balrus, wicked, cruel things they are. Whaur did ye fin' the wean, policeman?"

"Fint the wean, wuman?" sported the policeman angrily. "I didna find her at all. She's ma ain bairn!"—Dundee Advertiser.

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Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. We never heard of any mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They make other people good natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and what a beautiful image it is!—Pascal.

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Or in Class 5, pay 5c the 1st week, 10c the second week, 15c the 3d week, and so on, and we will mail you a check two weeks before Christmas for \$63.75.

You May Reverse the Order of Payments If You Wish to Do So

For instance, in Class 5 going up, the payments start with 5c and end with \$2.50. If you desire to do so, you may start with \$2.50 the first week and pay 5c less each week until the last week's payment will be 5c. You may do the same in Class 2.

Should You Prefer to Pay an Equal Amount Each Week You Can Do So

In Class 50, the payments are 50c each week for 50 weeks and two weeks before Christmas you will receive a check for \$25.00.

In Class 100, the payments are \$1.00 each week for 50 weeks and two weeks before Christmas you will receive a check for \$50.00.

In Class 200, the payments are \$2.00 each week for 50 weeks and two weeks before Christmas you will receive a check for \$100.00.

Payments Must Be Made Every Week or May Be Made in Advance for Any Number of Weeks

Can you think of an easier way to provide money for Christmas presents? Join yourself—get everyone else to join. Show this to your friends and get them to join.

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME TO JOIN

The Christmas Club opens Monday, December 27, 1915, and you can join any time from Dec. 25 to Jan. 22, 1916. Call and let us tell you all about our plan.

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Bennington County National Bank

BENNINGTON, VT.

Reform Gets on the Job.

He tackled the Social Evils as well as the Dry Rot of Commercialism. The Hurrah stirred Society and Church from Center to Circumference. Claude was there with the Bells On. The Benjamins got so mad that they Voted him Mayor and told him to Go as Far as He Liked.

Claude had them tax themselves for Water under ground and Brick on Top; an Electric Light plant paid Current Rates for a Franchise. He ordered Modern Plumbing for the Fire Department and Red Upholstered Furniture for the Council Chamber.

Everything and Everybody Climbed Aboard the Uplift Wagon. The Palace Hotel divorced its Livery Stables from its Dining Room and changed the Roller Towel every other day whether it Needed it or not.

Claude joined the Mutual Administration Society and got Quoted Everyday in the Short Talks column.

Harry Floyd wrote an idiom, or something idiotic about the place. The Limited from New York put a Star after I sit on the Time Card.

Dame Fortune Lamps Claude.

In the meanwhile Claude held Quiet Sessions with Brick Manufacturers, Sewer Contractors and other High Brows, and his Bank Account got so Heavy that the Strength National Bank asked him to Remove it as it interfered with the Ordinary Course of Business.

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